



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Superintendent

1429 Senate Street
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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Test Coordinators

FROM: Susan D. Creighton
Office of Assessment

DATE: December 16, 2014

RE: Adoption List of Formative Assessments

On December 10, 2008, the State Board of Education approved the current South Carolina Adoption List of Formative Assessments. The following products are included:

Blending Assessment and Instruction Program (BAIP)
published by Computerized Assessment and Learning (CAL);
STAR Reading and STAR Mathematics
published by Renaissance Learning (RL); and
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
published by Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA).

By proviso, **Istation** was added to this list for 2014-15.

Policies Regarding Funding

Funds appropriated by the General Assembly must be used for the 2014–15 school year to:

- purchase products or supplementary materials for *Blending Assessment and Instruction Program (BAIP)* —Mathematics, *Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)*—reading, language usage, or mathematics, *STAR Reading and/ Mathematics*; Istation; and
- pay for training associated with the implementation or use of these products.

Districts that have already used district funds for the purposes stated above may use these funds to off-set costs for the purchase of products on the adoption list. **These funds cannot be used for other formative or interim assessments.**

Procedures for Receipt of Formative Assessment Funds

To receive funds, the following documents must be sent by January 16, 2015.

1. A completed **survey**
2. A copy of **an invoice** from one of the four companies (CAL, RL, NWEA, or Istation) showing the purchase of BAIP, MAP, STAR, or Istation for the 2014-15 academic year. The invoice or contract must include the number of students tested and the cost.

The materials may be sent by mail, e-mail or fax to:

Mail: Susan Creighton
1429 Senate Street, Room 212-A
Columbia, S.C. 29201

E-mail: screight@ed.sc.gov

Fax: 803-734-8886

If materials are not sent by January 16, we will assume the district is not requesting funds.
If you have questions, you may contact Susan Creighton at 803-735-8535 or
(screight@ed.sc.gov).

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